OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

FROM: BOYD & ZEYT

SUBJECT: BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS ACT 2001

DATE: 3/29/2001

CC: COLE, SIMMONS

S. 88 (Broadband Internet Access Act of 2001) referenced in Gov. Wise's letter would provide a federal tax credit for companies providing high speed Internet Access to rural and inner city areas. A brief summary of the bill is attached along with Sen. Rockefeller's comments and the list of 50 Senate co-sponsors.

Fred and I agree that you should support this legislation vigorously through letters to the Mississippi Congressional Delegation and the Senate Finance Committee. This legislation could assist with the realization of the maximizing EdNet licenses for rural broadband Internet Access. Two draft letters of support are attached (Congressional Delegation and Senate Finance Cmte.).